

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 12-20 have been cancelled.

Claims 4 and 21 have been amended in independent format.

New Claims 23 – 29 have been added.

Objections

Claims 4-11 and 21 are objected to for dependence on one or more rejected claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 4 has been amended in independent format to recite all the limitations previously recited in Claims 1 and 3. Claims 5-11 depend from Claim 4. As such, Claims 4-11 are now allowable.

Claim 21 has also been amended in independent format to recite all the limitations previously recited in Claim 1. Claim 22 depends from Claim 21 and as such, is allowable. New Claims 23-29 have been added to ultimately depend from Claim 21. New Claims 23-29 recite limitations previously recited in Claims 4-11. As such, Claims 21-29 are now allowable.

Support for these amendments may be found in the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 102 (b) or 103(a)

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected as being anticipated by, or rendered obvious over WO 2001/90042, evidenced by U.S. Patent No. 6,790,983 to Zeyss et al. (hereinafter Zeyss.) Applicants have canceled Claims 1-2 rendering this rejection moot.

Claim 3 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Zeyss in view of Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology 2002, Article Online Posting Date: July 19, 2002 pp. 115-136 (hereinafter Kirk Othmer.) Claim 3 has been canceled, rendering this rejection moot. Removal of the rejections to the claims is respectfully requested.

Notwithstanding the cancellations herein, Applicant preserves all rights to continue prosecution of claims 1-3.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present invention in view of the amendments and remarks noted above. Claims 4-11 and 21-29 are allowable and such notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if there are any matters or issues outstanding that have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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